Komi Can't Communicate

In competition...
...everyone cannot be equal.
There are always winners and losers.
...as unnecessarily cruel.
Some view that reality...
Communication 429: Year Three Sports Festival

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Event 1: Radio Exercises

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
POOM
POOM
DUN DUM DADUM DUN DUM DADUM DUM DUN DADUN
Minori Aizawa
Second-year
LET'S KICK OFF ITAN HIGH SCHOOL'S SPORTS FESTIVAL! FIRST UP, RADIO EXERCISES!
THE WINNING CLASS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY, SO GOOD LUCK!
POINTS
AS USUAL, THE CLASSES ARE COMPETING FOR THE HIGHEST SCORE!
OVER TO YOU, UMAI!
LET'S CHECK IN ON THE RADIO EXERCISES!

HI! I'M UMAI!
Aori Umai
First-year
THE VICE-PRINCIPAL IS IN CHARGE OF AWARDING POINTS FOR ARTISTIC MERIT!
BUT...
STARE じぃ…
STARE じぃ…
...SHE HASN'T AWARDED ANY YET!
WOOEE!
SHE'S A STRICT JUDGE WHEN IT COMES TO BEAUTY!
THAT GIRL'S FORM LOOKED REALLY GOOD TO ME, BUT YOU'RE NOT AWARDING HER ANY POINTS?!
SWUP
I MOST CERTAINLY AM NOT.
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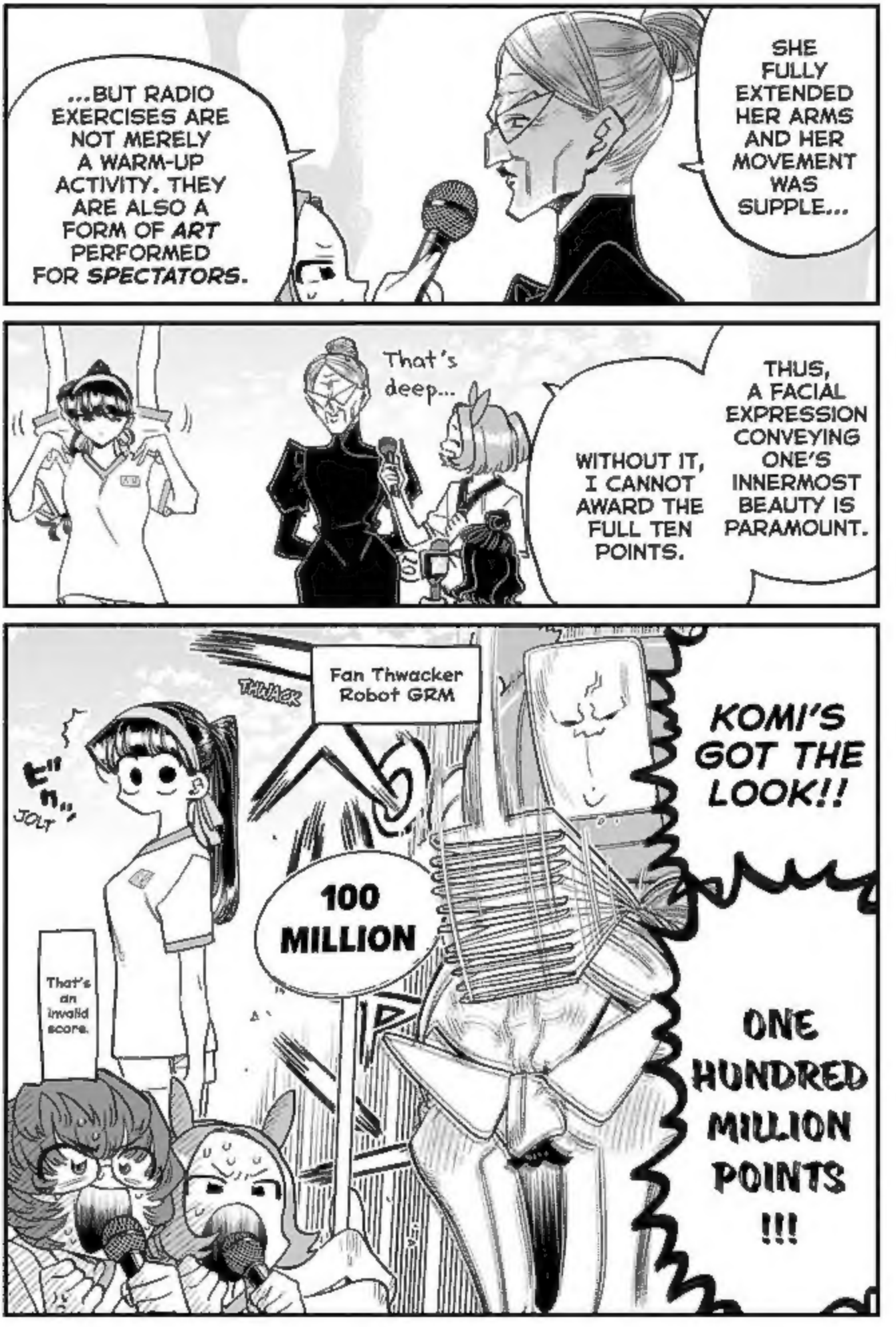
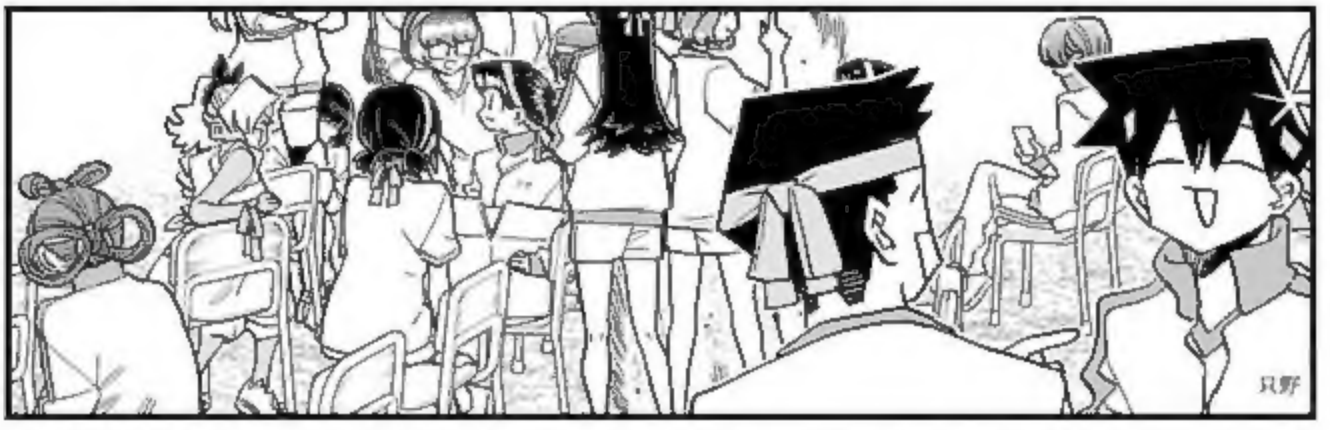
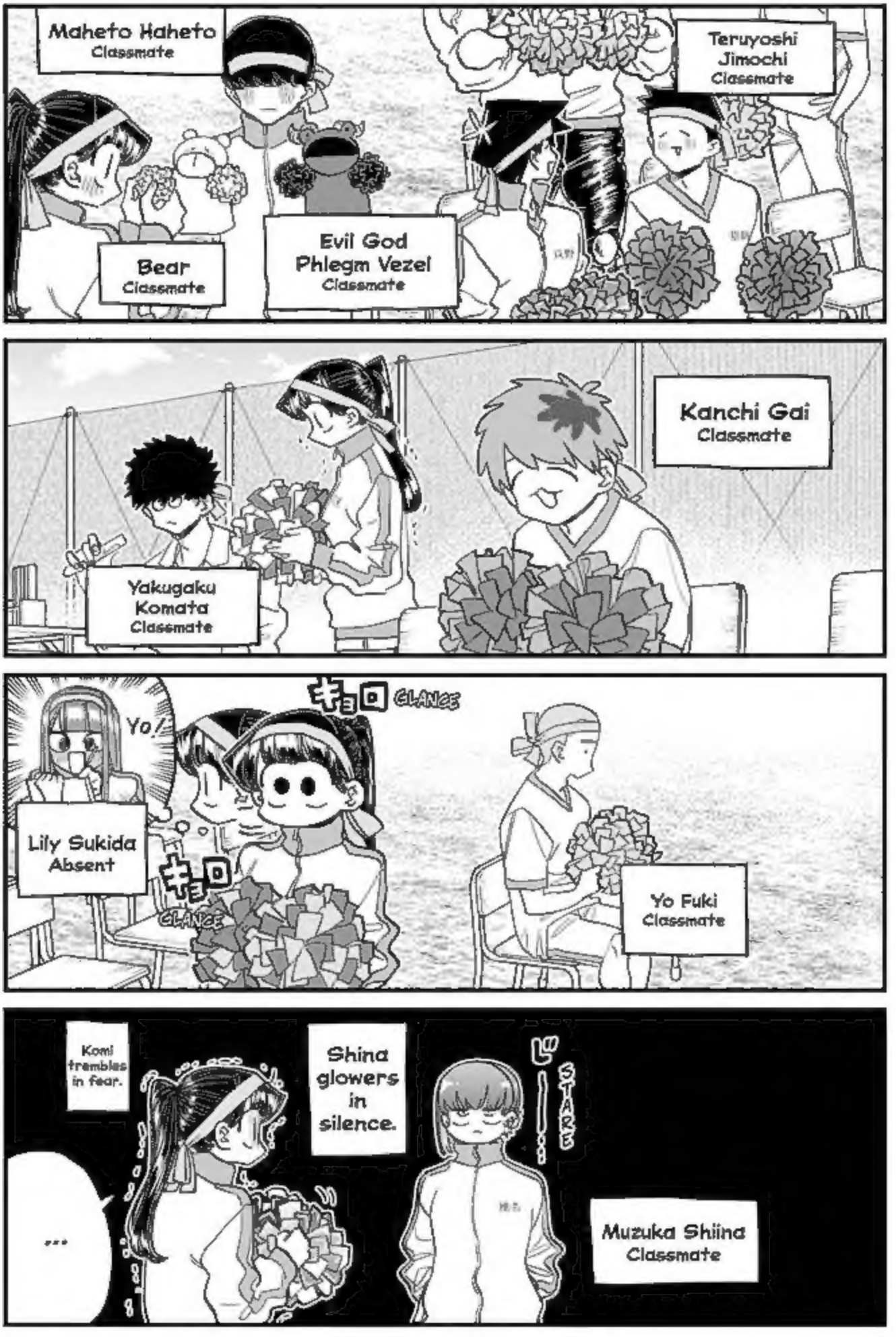

SHE FULLY EXTENDED HER ARMS AND HER MOVEMENT WAS SUPPLE...
...BUT RADIO EXERCISES ARE NOT MERELY A WARM-UP ACTIVITY. THEY ARE ALSO A FORM OF ART PERFORMED FOR SPECTATORS.
That's deep...
THUS, A FACIAL EXPRESSION CONVEYING ONE'S INNERMOST BEAUTY IS PARAMOUNT.
WITHOUT IT, I CANNOT AWARD THE FULL TEN POINTS.
Fan Thwacker Robot GRM
THWACK
JOLT
100 MILLION
That's an invalid score.
KOMI'S GOT THE LOOK!!
ONE HUNDRED MILLION POINTS !!!

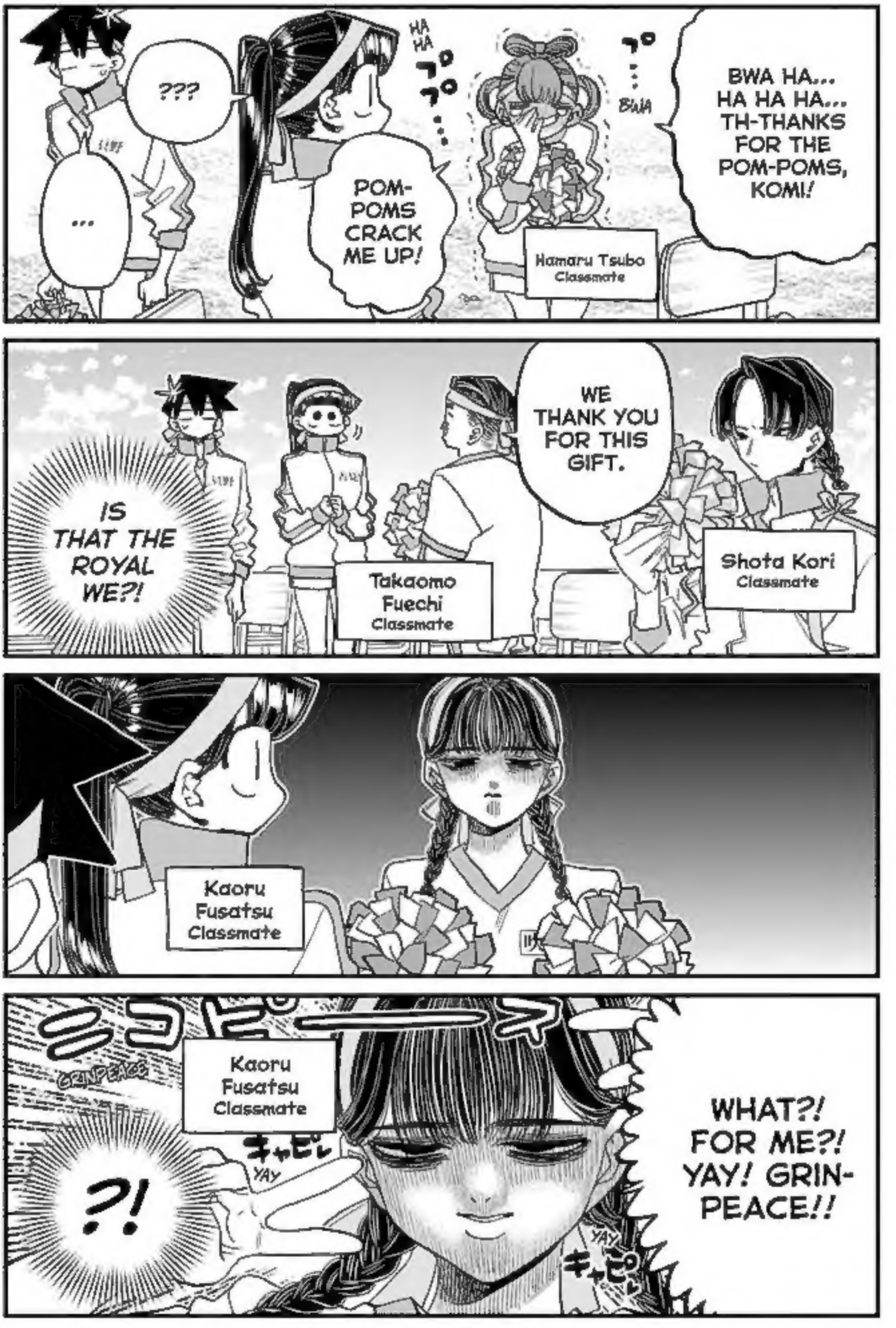
Handmade Cheering Items



*SIGN: GO, CLASS 3-1!

NO, WAIT! THEY'RE GREAT! WE'LL USE 'EM!
...!
OH MY! THAT'S SO... INDUSTRI-OUS OF YOU.
PRIM
Putting it away...
...!
YOU MADE POM-POMS TOO? A WHOLE BOXFUL?!
WILD BEDHEAD TODAY, RUNA.
THEY SURE ARE HAVING FUN...
Fukuyoka Muchi Classmate
Runa Neguse Classmate
CHATTER
CHATTER
!
SNUF
But we're not included!
?
NOD
HUH? POM-POMS? EVEN THOUGH I HAVE BEDHEAD?
EVEN THOUGH I'M PUDGY?


Maheto Haheto
Classmate
Teruyoshi Jimochi
Classmate
Bear
Classmate
Evil God Phlegm Vezel
Classmate
Kanchi Gai
Classmate
Yakugaku Komata
Classmate
Yo!
Lily Sukida
Absent
キョロ
GLANCE
キョロ
GLANCE
Yo Fuki
Classmate
Komi trembles in fear.
Shina glowers in silence.
じー
STARE
...
Muzuka Shiina
Classmate


BWA HA... HA HA HA... TH-THANKS FOR THE POM-POMS, KOMI!
Hamaru Tsubo Classmate
BWA
HA HA
POM-POMS CRACK ME UP!
???
...
WE THANK YOU FOR THIS GIFT.
Takaomo Fuechi Classmate
Shota Kori Classmate
IS THAT THE ROYAL WE?!
Kaoru Fusatsu Classmate
Kaoru Fusatsu Classmate
GRINPEACE
YAY
?!
WHAT?! FOR ME?! YAY! GRIN-PEACE!!
YAY

Marin Saotome
Classmate
R-REMEMBER...
PEOPLE WHO LOOK SCARY ARE OFTEN NICE ON THE INSIDE.
!
...
What the?!
I'd be embarrassed to shake these things!!
BUT HE'S ACTUALLY SCARY!
T
I'M A LONE WOLF! HARD-BOILED TO THE CORE!!!
カァ
SWIK
WHAT CUTE LITTLE EYES!
Komi gave some to everyone in class.
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A Rousing Speech

...I WANT TO...
... UM ...
UM... ...
... UM ...
I WANT TO WIN...
...THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.
BUT WHY THOUGH?!

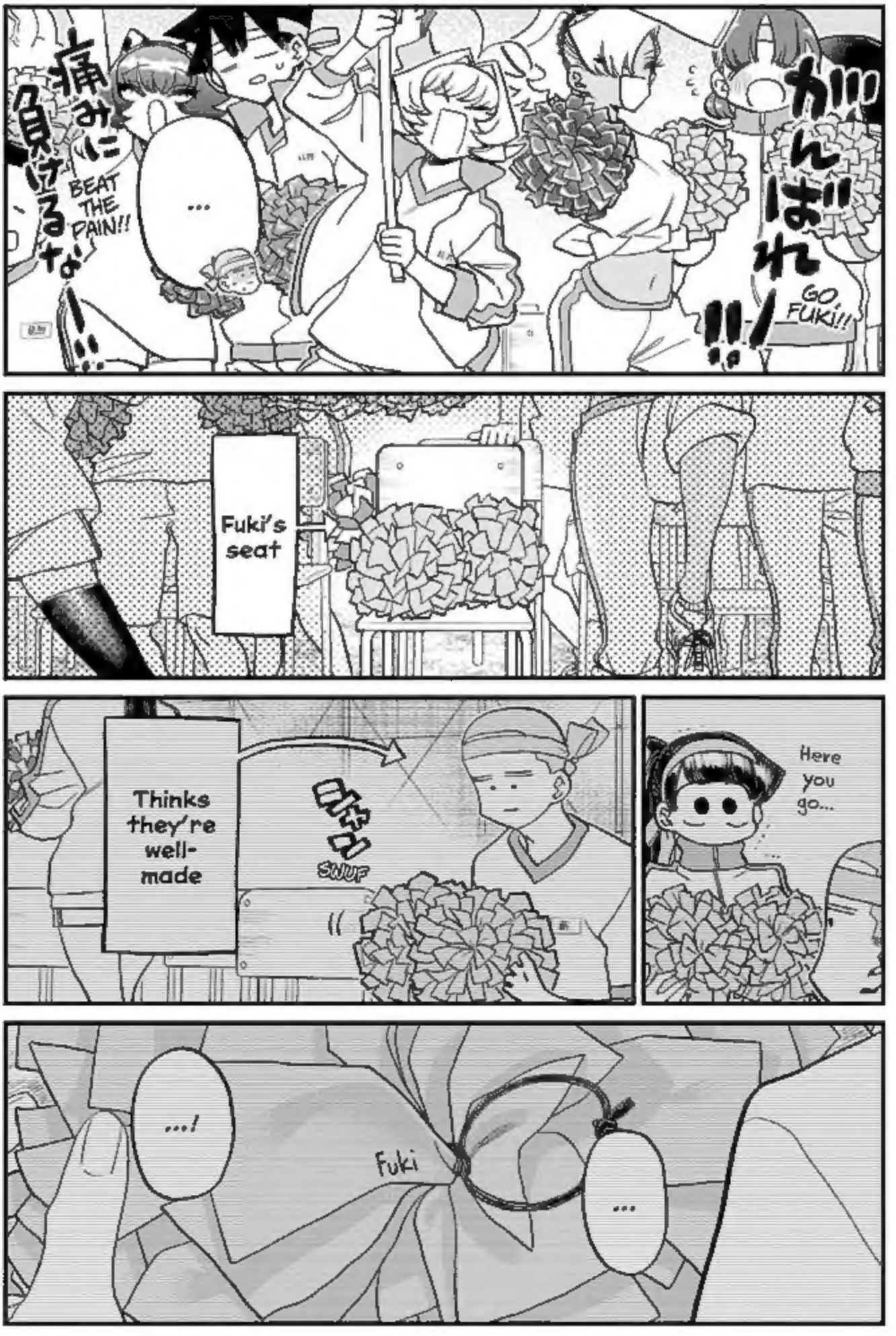
SO PLEASE ...
BWA HA!
...IF WE WON. I'D BE SO HAPPY...
...!!
Mama ...
THAT'S EMO!/
SLAP
SLAP
THAT MUCH IS OBVIOUS!
YEAH, OF COURSE !!
WA HA HA
BWA HA...
AH HA HA HA HA HA
YEAAAH!!
WE GOTTA WIN THIS!!

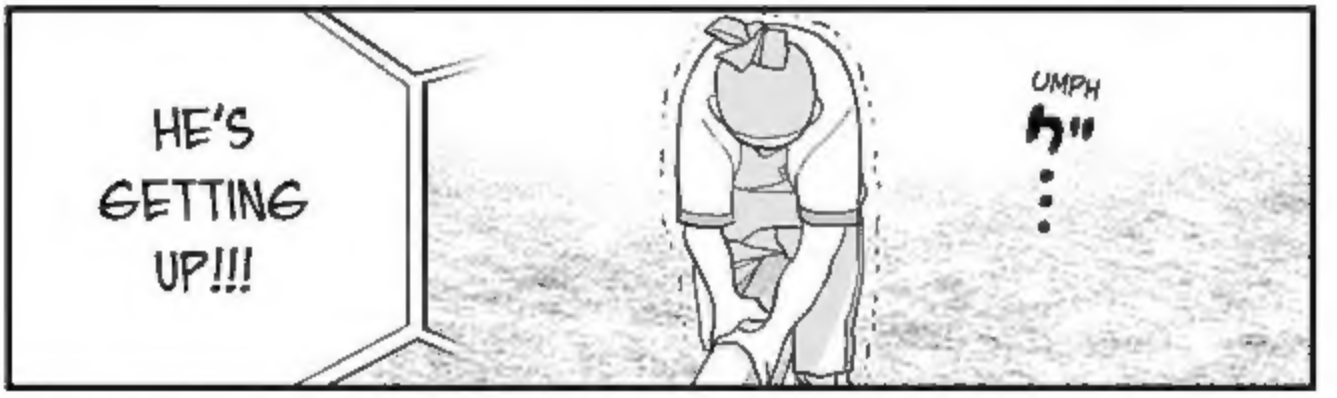
Going All Out
Ball rolling
Five-person, six-legged race
Ball toss
Borrowing competition
VOOSH

Clumsy
GOOD LUCK, FUKI!
RAAAH
Yo Fuki
Classmate
RAAAH
NOW FOR THE OBSTACLE COURSE!
GET SET!
ON YOUR MARK!
FUKIII !!
He tripped on his first step.
FLOMP
BEAM
GOOD LUCK!!
...!
WUP
Yo Fuki is clumsy.

FUKI IS BARELY MOVING FORWARD!
Fuki barely moves forward.
SHUF
SHUF
Crawling under a net
HE'S DROPPING IT EVERY TWO STEPS!
He drops it every two steps.
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
Carrying a ball on a spoon
NOW I'M REALLY WORRIED!
WOBL
WOBL
Crossing the balance beam
YOWCH!!
All the boys
BAAAM
SLIP

...
TWITCH
ヒク…
IS HE ALL RIGHT?
TWITCH
ヒク…
GET IT OVER WITH!
JUST CLIMB OFF, MAN!
DUDE'S WAY TOO CLUMSY!
...
BREATHE THROUGH THE PAIN!!
ARE Y-YOU OKAY?!
YOU CAN DO IT, FUKI!!


痛みに負けるな!!
BEAT THE PAIN!!
...
がんばれ!!
GO FUKI!!
Fuki's seat
Thinks they're well-made
フキの
SNUF
Here you go...
...!
Fuki
...



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